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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
2165 Rayburn Building
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The Honorable Nick J. Rahall II
Ranking Member
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
2163 Rayburn Building
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Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member Rahall:

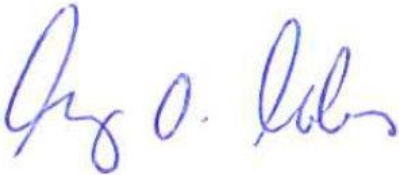
On behalf of the Portland Cement Association (PCA), I write in support of H.R. 5078, the Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act, and strongly urge your colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation on the House Floor.

H.R. 5078 is needed to ensure the economy continues to recover and to restore the important role of federal-state partnerships in protecting our nation's waterways. PCA has serious concerns with the negative economic impact that would result from the Administration's proposed changes to the Clean Water Act. The rule would directly impact domestic cement production as plant operators determine the new regulatory jurisdiction on their property. PCA is concerned that the proposed rule would prevent facilities from fully accessing limestone deposits, an essential ingredient of cement. At a minimum, the rule would require hydrological and geological surveys and increased layers of regulation that are costly and time consuming.

Land developers also would be more susceptible to citizen lawsuits challenging local actions based on regulations that are poorly defined. Increased project delays and production costs for critical infrastructure and commercial development projects would be severe and damaging to a sector that continues to recover from the severe economic downturn.

H.R. 5078 will provide the proper safeguards against regulatory overreach while allowing industry the certainty necessary to improve our nation's economy. America's cement manufacturers urge swift passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,



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Chairman of the Board
Portland Cement Association
President
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Cc: U.S. House of Representatives